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SUBJECT: SOHYO CALLS OFF NATIONWIDE RAIL STRIKE

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1. RAIL, POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WALKOUTS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 29 AND 30, WHICH WOULD HAVE PRODUCED THIRD NATION-WIDE SHUTDOWN OF NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM WITHIN A YEAR, CALLED OFF EARLY MORNING SEPT. 28 BY SOHYO AFFILIATED COUNCIL OF PUBLIC CORPORATION UNIONS (KOROKYO). GOJ, UNIONS AND SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) AGREED THAT 1) IN RETURN FOR STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER TO DIET SEPT. 27 THAT GOJ WOULD DO ITS BEST TO IMPLEMENT FULLY WAGE BOOSTS AWARDED BY GOVERNMENT ARBITRATION PANEL TO RAILWAY AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS LAST SPRING, 2) JSP WOULD PARTICIPATE IN DELIBERATIONS BY CURRENT DIET SESSION OF BILLS INCREASING RAIL FARES AND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH FEES AND 3) KOROKYO UNIONS WOULD CANCEL THEIR STRIKE CALLS.

2. COMMENT: LATEST SHOWDOWN BETWEEN GOJ AND PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS HAS RESULTED IN TYPICALLY JAPANESE SOLUTION IN WHICH REAL LOSER, KOROKYO, ALLOWED TO SAVE FACE BY CLAIMING THAT STRIKE CALL FORCED GOVERNMENT INTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPROMISE. IN FACT, HOWEVER, GOJ IS WINNER SINCE IT HAS

DISPLAYED FLEXIBILITY, HAS NOT BUDGED FROM ITS INITIAL  
POSITION OF REFUSING TO IMPLEMENT WAGE HIKES FOR  
EMPLOYEES OF TWO DEFICIT RIDDEN PUBLIC CORPORATIONS  
UNTIL RATE INCREASE BILLS ENACTED BY DIET AND HAS  
FORCED SOCIALISTS TO AGREE FOR FIRST TIME TO LOWER  
HOUSE DELIBERATIONS ON THESE BILLS. MOREOVER, SINCE IT  
MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR UPPER HOUSE TO COMPLETE ACTION ON  
THESE BILLS BEFORE END OF RELATIVELY SHORT CURRENT DIET  
SESSION, RAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS UNIONS STILL HAVE NO  
ASSURANCE THAT THEIR MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE PAY BOOSTS IN  
NEAR FUTURE.  
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